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DATA PORTAL TO BRING GREATER TRANSPARENCY TO HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Sacramento – In keeping with Governor Schwarzenegger's efforts to enhance the quality of care through improved transparency in the healthcare system, the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) announces the availability of the California Healthcare Atlas, a web-based interactive tool that integrates OSHPD patient, financial, facility and geographic data into one easy to use application available to anyone with a web-browser.

"Access to reliable healthcare data will help individuals and other stakeholders make more informed healthcare choices, enhance the healthcare policy debate, and ultimately improve the healthcare system," said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle. "This is an effort to provide healthcare purchasers, providers and consumers with the most timely, up-to-date healthcare information in an easy to navigate Web-site."

OSHPD is the central repository for a vast wealth of healthcare information including patient level data, hospital financial reports, healthcare facility data and state of the art mapping techniques. The California Healthcare Atlas consolidates the various data collected by OSHPD and creates a single point of entry to instantly access the information. It is a dynamic data set that allows the users to manipulate the data and create custom reports for exporting or printing as desired.

Features include:

- Locate any healthcare facility by a wide variety of selection criteria
- Select any hospital or groups of hospitals
- Retrieve Admission, Emergency, and other admissions summaries (e.g. Number of discharges, Average Length of Stay, Average Charge etc)
- Retrieve Facility Reports (Detail, License, Inpatient Summary)
- Retrieve Financial Reports by specified time intervals
- Retrieve Top 25 Diagnosis Related Group Reports
- Find out if a location is in a health professional shortage designation area
- Find summaries of vital statistics information from the Department of Public Health
- Create Patient Origin and Patient Destination Maps
- Retrieve payer source, gender, age, race, ethnicity, patient groupings
- Retrieve facility demographics



The Atlas can be accessed at <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/atlas>

As one of 12 departments within the California Health and Human Services Agency, OSHPD's vision is "Equitable Healthcare Accessibility for California." OSHPD is a leader in analyzing the state's healthcare infrastructure, promoting a diverse and culturally competent healthcare workforce, informing the public about healthcare quality, ensuring the safety of buildings used to provide healthcare, insuring loans to develop healthcare facilities and facilitating the development of sustained capacity for communities to address healthcare issues.